## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A flat self-adhering plaster having a multi-layer construction and reduced cold flow, comprised of a layer of adhesive which attaches to skin having a core of adhesive which is rendered made flowable by a plasticizing additive, and a ring of adhesive free of a plasticizing additive, wherein said ring has a reduced flowability to that of said core, and wherein said ring surrounds said core, and wherein said core contains a pharmaceutical or active agent.
- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Currently Amended) A plaster according to claim 1, wherein the multi-layer construction comprises a cover, the layer of adhesive and <u>a</u> removable carrier, which acts as a temporary cover and which is present on a side of the layer of adhesive opposite the cover.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 3, wherein the cover consists essentially of a film of plastic, woven fabric or non-woven fabric.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 3, wherein the carrier consists essentially of a film of plastic, paper or a laminate thereof.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 4, wherein the film of plastic consists essentially of a film of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene, polypropylene or polyvinyl chloride.

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- 7. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 5, wherein the carrier possesses a release coating.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A plaster according to claim 7, wherein the release coating consists essentially of a silicone layer or fluoro-silicone layer.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The plaster according to claim 1, wherein the plasticizing additive is selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutical agents, cosmetic active agents, resins and plasticizers.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A flat self-adhering plaster having a multi-layer construction and reduced cold flow, comprised of a layer of adhesive adapted to attach to skin and comprising a core of flowable adhesive comprised of a polymer or a mixture of polymers, and a ring of adhesive being an adhesive having reduced flowability to that of the core, wherein said ring of adhesive is comprised of a different polymer or different mixture of polymers from that of said core, and wherein said ring surrounds said core.

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